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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7-30 are currently pending in the application. Claims 20-30 are currently rejected. Claims 20-30 have been cancelled. Applicants acknowledge that Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7-19 are allowed.

Applicants' Response to 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

In the Office Action, Claims 20-21 and 26-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over EP 1320819 to Puppa et al. (Puppa) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,947,739 to Yokoyama (Yokoyama). Claims 20-21 and 26-30 were cancelled rendering the rejection to Claims 20-21 and 26-30 moot.

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Puppa and Yokoyama as applied to Claim 20 and in view of PG PUB 2004/0099949 to Mohan et al. (Mohan). Claim 22 was cancelled rendering the rejection to Claim 22 moot.

Claims 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Puppa and Yokoyama as applied to Claim 20, and in view of PG PUB 2004/0202199 to Fischer et al. (Fischer). Claims 23-25 were cancelled rendering the rejection to Claims 23-25 moot.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that at page 10 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7-19 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

Claims 20-30 have been cancelled making their rejection moot. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 7-19 are allowed. Having responded in full to the present Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

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